

FLINT WATER CRISIS

Issue:

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Talking Points:

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Background:

- In October 2015, Flint returned to purchasing properly treated water from Detroit, and EPA established a Task Force to provide technical assistance to Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality and the City of Flint to ensure re-optimization of corrosion control in the drinking water system as quickly as possible.
- In January 2016, EPA issued an emergency order under the Safe Drinking Water Act to the State of Michigan and the City of Flint, requiring them to take steps to protect public health. Among other things, the order requires the parties to maintain optimized corrosion control within the Flint drinking water system and to provide adequate staffing to operate the system. The EPA continues to oversee the State's and the City's compliance with the order.
- On November 16, the Michigan State Treasurer agreed to forgive \$20.7 million of past Flint debt under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, as authorized by the 2016 WIIN Act. On August 1, in response to a request from the State of Michigan, the EPA had concurred with the State of Michigan that this debt was eligible for forgiveness.
- On November 29, 2017, the City of Flint entered into a long-term agreement with the Great Lakes Water Authority (Detroit), which will maintain the City's current water source for the next 30 years.